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9	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	ROCKETFUEL BLOCKCHAIN, INC., a Nevada corporation; and ROCKETFUEL BLOCKCHAIN COMPANY, a Nevada corporation, Plaintiffs, v. JOSEPH PAGE, an individual; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, Defendants.	COMPLAINT FOR: 1. Violation of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 2. Violations of California Corporations Code §§ 24501 and 25501 3. Fraud 4. Breach of Fiduciary Duty 5. Negligent Misrepresentation 6. Unjust Enrichment 7. Violation of California Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq. 8. Injunctive Relief under California Civil Code § 3439.07 9. Declaratory Judgment and Injunctive Relief under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 57 DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL	
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Plaintiffs ROCKETFUEL BLOCKCHAIN, INC . and ROCKETFUEL
BLOCKCHAIN COMPANY (collectively, "Plaintiffs") allege as follows:

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff ROCKETFUEL BLOCKCHAIN, INC. ("Parent") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Nevada. Parent is a publicly traded company formed in 1987 in Nevada, formerly known as B4MC Gold Mines, Inc. ("B4MC"). On June 27, 2018, B4MC acquired Plaintiff RocketFuel Blockchain Company in a reverse acquisition¹, after which B4MC changed its name to RocketFuel Blockchain, Inc.²

2. Plaintiff ROCKETFUEL BLOCKCHAIN COMPANY

("Subsidiary") was formed on January 12, 2018 in Nevada. At all times

mentioned herein, Subsidiary was a private operating company. The intial

shareholders of Subsidiary included Defendant Joseph Page (300 Shares), Gert

Funk ("Funk") (300 Shares), Henrik Rouf ("Rouf") by and through his company

Pacific Wave Partners Limited ("PWP") (150 Shares), and Richway Finance Ltd.

(150 Shares). Prior to Subsidiary being acquired by B4MC (now Parent), an

additional 100 Shares were sold to Saxton Capital Ltd. ("Saxton"). After

A reverse acquisition occurs when a public company acquires an existing private company and the shareholders of the private company receive a controlling block of the parent's stock.

RBC Parent will be referred to herein as B4MC when referring to pre-closing events.

- 3. Defendant JOSEPH PAGE ("Page" or "Defendant") was a cofounder of Subsidiary. At all times alleged herein Page served as an officer (Treasurer) and board member of Subsidiary along with Funk and Rouf. At all times relevant herein Page was a resident of San Diego, California. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Page currently resides in Valbonne, France.
- 4. Plaintiff does not presently know the true names and capacities of the defendants sued herein as Does 1 through 10, inclusive. Plaintiff will seek leave of court to amend this complaint to allege said defendants' true names and capacities as soon as plaintiff ascertains them. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the fictitiously named defendants is responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged, and that plaintiff's damages as herein alleged were proximately caused by those defendants. Each reference in this complaint to "Defendant," "Defendants," or a specifically named Defendant refers also to DOES 1 through 10.
- 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants is now, and has been at all times herein mentioned, the agent, servant, employee, partner, associate, joint venture, co-participant, and/or principal of or

with each of the remaining Defendants, including the DOE Defendants, and that each Defendant has been, at all times herein mentioned acting within the scope of such relationship and with the full knowledge, consent, authority, ratification, and/or permission of each of the remaining Defendants.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. The claims alleged herein arise under the *Securities Exchange Act Rule* 10b-5 (17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5). This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1337 and § 27 of the *Securities Exchange Act of 1934*.
- 7. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this district, and the agreement alleged herein was executed through electronic means by Parties located in Los Angeles, San Diego and Las Vegas.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

Corporate History

8. Plaintiff Subsidiary was co-founded by Defendant and Funk for the purpose of developing and bringing a highly efficient, automated and secure check-out system to eCommerce based on blockchain technology. Prior to Subsidiary's formation, Defendant developed the prototype for the check-out system and between 2013 and 2017 filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark

1	Office ("PTO") five patent applications ("Patent Applications") and two			
2	trademark applications ("Trademarks") as follows:			
3		No.3	U.S. Patent Application Number and Description	Filing Date
4		I	Patent Application 14/078,202 - "Commerce	12 Nov 2013
5			Systems Having Automated Delivery Feature"	
6		II	Patent Application 14/324,134 - "Commerce	04 Jul 2014
7			Systems Having Integrated Electronic Delivery	
8			Features"	
9		III	Patent Application 14/244,058 - "Commerce	04 Apr 2014
10			Systems Having Integrated Delivery Feature"	
11		IV	Patent Application – 14/970,404 - "Cryptocurrency	15 Dec 2015
12			Commerce User Interface Systems"	
13		V	Patent Application – 14/616,683 - "Cryptocurrency	07 Feb 2015
14			Commerce User Interface Systems"	
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16		No.	U.S. Trademark and Number Regis	stration Date
17		I	Hit It – 5,034,747	06 Sept 2016
18		II	Hit It (wordmark) - 5,030,179	30 Aug 2016
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	³ For e	ease of refe	rence the Patent Applications will be referred to herein by the corresponding	g roman numeral.

Defendant Page filed non-publication requests with the Unites Stated Patent and Trademark Office, which means that the Patent Applications were not published and not made available to the public. Thus, all of the confidential information contained therein to remain would remain confidential and not be available to the public.

9. <u>Assignment of Intellectual Property</u>. In March 2018, Defendant assigned the Patent Applications ("IP Portfolio") to Subsidiary, relinquishing all right thereto, as consideration for the issuance of 300 shares of Subsidiary common stock to Defendant.

The Reverse Acquisition

- 10. <u>Subsidiary's Reverse Acquisition with B4MC Gold Mines, Inc (now Parent)</u>. In June 2018, Subsidiary's management contemplated a reverse acquisition transaction with B4MC, a publicly traded company, by which B4MC acquired 100% of Subsidiary's outstanding and issued shares and Subsidiary's shareholders received newly issued B4MC shares constituting 75% of the total post-acquisition outstanding shares of B4MC.
- 11. During discussions between Defendant and B4MC leading up to the reverse acquisition, Defendant told Bennett Yankowitz ("Yankowitz")⁴, B4MC's

⁴ Bennett Yankowitz is a member of the California Bar (SBN 96802) and is Of Counsel to Shumaker Mallory, LLP, counsel for Plaintiffs

Chief Financial Officer, and Rouf that the Patent Applications were pending and in the process of being examined by the PTO. Defendant also represented that he filed assignments of the Patent Applications and Trademarks in favor of Subsidiary with the PTO. In reliance on these representations, B4MC entered into a "Contribution Agreement" with Subsidiary and its shareholders, including Defendant, Funk, PWP, PWP UK Ltd. (as successor in interest to Richway Financial Ltd.), and Saxton (Subsidiary's shareholders are hereafter collectively referred to as "Sellers") on June 27, 2018. A copy of the Contribution Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

- 12. Under the Contribution Agreement, the Sellers sold 100% of their Subsidiary shares in exchange for shares of B4MC's common stock representing 75% of B4MC's outstanding shares post-closing. Thus, at closing on June 27, 2018, Defendant received over 5,000,000 shares of B4MC, which constituted 22.5% of B4MC's (now Parent's) total outstanding shares, valued at over \$45,000,000.00⁵.
- 13. In addition, under the Contribution Agreement, Subsidiary represented and warranted with regard to the sufficiency of its assets that:

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At the time of the closing, the closing market price of the shares quoted on the OTC Pink sheets was \$9.00 per share.

"The assets (including contractual rights) of [Subsidiary] [including the IP Portfolio] constitute all of the assets, rights and properties that are used in the operation of the businesses of [Subsidiary] as it is now conducted and presently proposed to be conducted or that are used or held by [Subsidiary] for use in the operation of the businesses of [Subsidiary], and taken together, are adequate and sufficient for the operation of the businesses of [Subsidiary] as currently conducted and as presently proposed to be conducted." Contribution Agreement §4.12 (emphasis added).

14. <u>B4MC Name Change</u>. Post-closing, B4MC changed its name to its current name, *RocketFuel Blockchain, Inc.* (herein Parent). Parent's Board of Directors was reconstituted to be comprised of Defendant, Funk, and Yankowitz. Defendant was appointed Parent's Chief Technology Officer ("CTO"), Funk was appointed Parent's CEO and Yankowitz was reappointed Parent's CFO and Secretary.

Defendant's Demand Leads to Discovery of Defendant's Fraud

15. <u>Defendant's Demands and Resignation</u>. On or about May 15, 2019, Defendant made a demand to Carsten Jensen ("Jensen"), the president of Saxton (one of Parent's largest shareholders), threatening to resign as a director and CTO of Parent unless three demands were met: 1) Parent paid Defendant €100,000

immediately; 2) Parent raised €4,000,000 within 90 days - out of which Defendant was to be paid €350,000; and 3) in the event that €4,000,000 was not raised within 90 days, Parent would transfer the IP Portfolio to Defendant, and only then would Defendant return the 22.5% of Parent shares back to Parent. Defendant claimed that he was disappointed that Parent had not yet raised capital to develop the technology contained in the IP Portfolio. Jensen forwarded Defendant's email to Funk. Parent rejected Defendant's demands, and Defendant resigned from Parent's Board on May 29, 2019. Despite requests by Parent, Defendant did not resign as Parent's CTO or as the Treasurer and a director of Subsidiary.

16. On May 24, 2019, prior to Defendant's resignation from Parent's Board, Yankowitz, on behalf of Parent, wrote to Defendant reminding him that he was still an officer and significant shareholder of Parent and an officer and director of Subsidiary, and thus he owed fiduciary obligations to Subsidiary, Parent, and Parent's shareholders, including a duty of loyalty. Yankowitz requested that Defendant: (1) transfer back to Parent all company property, including source code and other property and systems Defendant may have developed in his capacity as Parent CTO relating to Parent's intellectual property, including, but not limited to, the IP Portfolio owned through Subsidiary; and (2) provide all communications and correspondence with respect to the Patent

Applications between Defendant and any other officer, director, shareholder or employee of Subsidiary or Parent.

- Defendant Admits Patent Applications Abandoned. On or about June 17. 3, 2019, during the course of a conversation with Yankowitz, Defendant admitted for the first time that the Patent Applications had been abandoned (contradicting his earlier representations) – but conveniently failed to provide the dates the applications were abandoned. This prompted Yankowitz to immediately dispatch a letter to Defendant on June 3, 2019, requesting that Defendant provide the exact date each Patent Application was abandoned, the files for each Patent Application, the Image File Wrappers (IFW) 6 and all of Defendant's communications with the PTO. Yankowitz further advised Defendant that because Subsidiary, not Defendant, was the owner of the Patent Applications, Defendant should not attempt to revive the Applications with the PTO or file any new patent application which included, incorporated or referenced the subject matter of the abandoned Patent Applications.
- 18. In an apparent attempt to cover up his prior admission by further misrepresenting the truth, Defendant responded to Yankowitz the following day

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According to the uspto.gov, the IFW system "uses technology to replace the paper processing of patent applications in the Office. Paper components of these application files (including the specification, oath or declaration, drawings, information disclosure statements, amendments, Office actions, and file jacket notations) have been scanned to create electronic image files."

stating that the reason the Patent Applications were abandoned was because Parent had failed to raise capital:

"I believe [the abandoned patent applications] are now and forever lost to intentional abandonment via extended non prosecution as a result of [Parent] failing to capitalize and meet its legal duty to prosecute the applications. I reject the notion that I should not file any new patent applications referring to the subject matter of the abandon[ed] patent applications."

- 19. Defendant refused to cooperate by simply providing the requested information and files, and would not agree to refrain from filing any new patent applications which included the subject matter of the abandoned Patent Applications.
- 20. <u>More Lies of Defendant Uncovered by Outside IP Counsel</u>. Outside IP counsel, Mark Kendrick ("Kendrick"), retained by Parent as patent counsel to replace Defendant (who is a registered patent agent) and review and investigate the abandoned Patent Applications⁷, uncovered the following information:

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20 Kendrick became patent attorney of record of the Patent Applications in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, replacing Defendant as patent agent.

had been dismissed, it would be extremely difficult for Parent to ever successfully revive Patent Application I.

- d. Because Subsidiary did not own the Patent Applications at the time they were abandoned and because of the extended length of time that had passed since abandonment, it was unlikely that Parent would be able to successfully revive the Patent Applications from the Patent Applications' abandoned status, requiring Parent to file new applications and take the risk that others, including Defendant, may have already filed competing applications; and
- e. Because Defendant's practice was to file all of his Patent
 Applications with a non-publication request, these Patent Applications are not
 published and are not searchable on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
 website. Thus, there is no way for Parent to know whether there have been
 intervening filings by Defendant that Defendant assigned to competing claimants.
- 21. At no time pre-closing did Defendant disclose the above-mentioned material information about the Patent Applications to Parent/Subsidiary, Yankowitz, Funk or Rouf until Defendant was confronted by Yankowitz on June 3, 2019.
- 22. On July 10, 2019, Kendrick wrote to Defendant to, among other things, confront him with his misrepresentations and omissions concerning the Patent Applications and his attempt to mislead Yankowitz into believing that the

- 23. Defendant denied that he failed to tell B4MC (now Parent) that the Patent Applications were abandoned and insisted that *both* Yankowitz and Rouf were somehow "confused...with the terminology related to [the] patents" as "the full and true nature of the applications was fully disclosed repeatedly." Defendant had no explanation beside a blanket denial why he then tried to deceive Yankowitz to believe that the Patent Applications were abandoned because Parent failed to raise capital with which to prosecute them. Defendant also failed to comply with Kendrick's requests concerning the Patent Applications set forth in paragraph 22 above.
- 24. Plaintiffs now seek to recover from Defendant all damages that Plaintiffs have incurred as a result of Defendant's fraud and omissions and further seeks recovery of all stock in Parent issued to Defendant.

1	FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF		
2	(Violations of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)		
3	and Rule 10b-5, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5(b) By Parent		
4	Against Defendant and Does 1-10)		
5	25. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation in paragraphs		
6	1 through 24 above as if fully set forth herein.		
7	26. Between 2013 and 2017 Defendant Page developed the IP Portfolio,		
8	including the prototype for the check-out system and the Patent Applications.		
9	27. Defendant Page made certain representations as to the validity and		
10	viability of the IP Portfolio before contributing the Patent Applications, among		
11	other intellectual property assets, to Subsidiary in consideration for the issuance		
12	Subsidiary stock to Page in March of 2018.		
13	28. Defendant Page knew and intentionally failed to disclose to		
14	Subsidiary the following material facts:		
15	a. The Patent Applications were abandoned and no longer		
16	pending before Page assigned them to Subsidiary;		
17	b. That because the Patent Applications were already abandoned		
18	when Defendant assigned them to Subsidiary, Subsidiary		
19	would be unable to successfully revive the Patent Applications		
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- c. In or about 2015, Page unsuccessfully attempted to revive the application for Patent I, but that petition was dismissed by the PTO on June 30, 2015. As a result, it will be nearly impossible for Parent to revive the application for Patent I.
- 29. Defendant Page made the misrepresentations and omissions directly in connection with the issuance of Subsidiary stock in consideration for Page's contribution of the IP Portfolio to Subsidiary.
- 30. In addition, Defendant Page, as an Officer and Director of Subsidiary, further intentionally failed to disclose to B4MC (now Parent) the following known material facts before the reverse Acquisition transaction occurred, including:
 - a. A number of the Patent Applications had been abandoned years prior;
 - b. The Patent Applications were abandoned and no longer pending *before* Page assigned them to Subsidiary;
 - c. That because the Patent Applications were already abandoned when Defendant assigned them to Subsidiary, Subsidiary would be unable to successfully revive the Patent Applications;
 - d. In or about 2015, Page unsuccessfully attempted to revive the application for Patent I, but that petition was dismissed by the

PTO on June 30, 2015. As a result, it will be nearly impossible for Parent to revive the application for Patent I.

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- e. That Subsidiary's stock was in fact worth substantially less than the agreed upon valuation because the underlying assets, including the Patent Applications, which were the basis for Subsidiary's valuation were materially different than Page represented, a fact which was also concealed from Subsidiary's other shareholders and directors by Page.
- 31. Moreover, during pre-closing discussions leading up to the reverse acquisition between B4MC (now Parent) and Subsidiary, Defendant Page, as an Officer and Director of Subsidiary and in his individual capacity as a shareholder, made certain oral and written mispresentations, specifically including the written misrepresentations concerning the IP Portfolio in the Contribution Agreement and the oral misrepresentations to Yankowitz and Rouf that the Patent Applications were pending and in the process of being examined. Defendant Page solely knew said misrepresentations were patently false when he made them because he never disclosed to Subsidiary that he was aware that the Patent Applications had been abandoned by his failure to act considerably before he had assigned the Patent Applications to Subsidiary.

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32. Defendant Page made the material misrepresentations and omissions directly in connection with the sale/exchange of Subsidiary stock for B4MC (now Parent) stock in June of 2018.

Defendant knew that the above-referenced statements and omissions

- were false and/or misleading or acted with reckless disregard as to constitute willful deceit and fraud upon Subsidiary and/or B4MC (now Parent). Defendant had actual knowledge of the true facts and knowingly and/or deliberately misrepresented, mislead, withheld and/or concealed such material information from Subsidiary and/or B4MC (now Parent), including but not limited to the fact that: (i) Defendant was the inventor, filer, and agent of record of the Patent Applications; (ii) Defendant would have received all communications and deficiency and other notices about the Patent Applications from the PTO, and thus would have received actual that the Patent Applications had, in fact, been abandoned, as much as one year before he had assigned them to Subsidiary; and (iii) Defendant's failed petition to revive Patent Application I.
- 34. At the time of Defendant's misrepresentations, Subsidiary and/or B4MC (now Parent) were ignorant of their falsity, and believed them to be true. Subsidiary and/or B4MC (now Parent) were also ignorant of the omitted facts. The misrepresentations and omissions were material in that: (i) had Subsidiary known that the misrepresentations were false and/or known of the omissions,

L	Subsidiary would have not issued shares of Subsidiary to Page in consideration for
2	the IP Portfolio; and (ii) had B4MC (now Parent) known that the
3	misrepresentations were false and/or known of the omissions, B4MC (now Parent)
1	would not have undertaken the Acquisition by which it purchased Defendant's
5	and the other Subsidiary shareholders' stock and sold its securities to Defendant
5	and the other Subsidiary shareholders as the Patent Applications comprised the
7	majority of Subsidiary's assets.

- 35. Defendant Page made use of the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails, in making the untrue statements of material fact to B4MC (now Parent) and/or Subsidiary, or in omitting to state material facts necessary in order to make statements made to B4MC (now Parent) and/or Subsidiary, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- 36. By reason of the foregoing, Defendant violated Section 10(b) of the Securities and Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b) and Rule 10b-5, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.
- 37. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's violations, Parent, directly and by and through Subsidiary, has suffered money damages at least in excess of \$5.1 million, the exact amount of which it will prove at trial.

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38. As a proximate result of Defendant's fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions, and the otherwise wrongful manner in which Defendant obtain his alleged right, claim or interest in and to Parent Shares, Defendant has no legal or equitable right, claim or interest therein, but instead Defendant is an involuntary trustee holding said Parent shares in constructive trust for Parent with the duty to convey the same back to Parent forthwith under *California Civil Code* § 2224.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Violation of California Corporations Code §§ 25401 By Defendant and Does 1-10)

- 39. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation in paragraphs1 through 38 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 40. In connection with the offer to issue shares of Subsidiary in consideration for contribution of the IP Portfolio to Subsidiary, Defendant intentionally made oral and/or written communications to Subsidiary, which included untrue statements of material fact or omitted material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, including but not limited to, statements concerning the viability and validity of the Patent Applications.
- 41. In addition, in connection with the offer to sell and the actual sale of all Defendant's issued and outstanding shares of Subsidiary to B4MC (now

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- 42. Subsidiary did not know the truth regarding the misrepresentations and/or omissions of Defendant, and relied upon the same in agreeing to issue stock to Defedndant Page in consideration for the IP Portfolio. Had Subsidiary known that the misrepresentations were false and of the omissions, Subsidiary would not have issued stock to Defendant Page in consideration for the IP Portfolio.
- 43. B4MC (now Parent) did not know the truth regarding the misrepresentations and/or omissions of Defendant, and relied upon the same in agreeing to the Acquisition by which it purchased Defendant's and the other Subsidiary shareholders' stock and sold its stock to Defendant and the other Subsidiary shareholders. Had B4MC (now Parent) known that the

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- 44. Defendant knew that the above-mentioned misrepresentations and omissions to Subsidiary and/or B4MC (now Parent) were false, misleading or Defendant acted with such reckless disregard as to constitute willful deceit and fraud upon B4MC (now Parent). Defendant had actual knowledge of the true facts and knowingly and/or deliberately misrepresented, mislead, withheld and/or concealed material information from Subsidiary and/or B4MC (now Parent), including but not limited to the fact that: (i) Defendant was the inventor, filer, and agent of record of the Patent Applications; (ii) Defendant would have received all communications and deficiency and other notices about the Patent Applications from the PTO, and thus would have received actual notice or communications that the Patent Applications had, in fact, been abandoned as much as one year before he had assigned them to Subsidiary; and (iii) Defendant's failed petition to revive Patent Application I.
- 45. By reason of the foregoing, Defendant violated *California* Corporations Code § 25401.
- 46. The material misrepresentations and omissions proximately injured Parent, directly and by and through Subsidiary, in excess of \$5.1 million, the exact amount of which will be proven at trial.

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As a proximate result of Defendant's fraudulent misrepresentations 47. and omissions, and the otherwise wrongful manner in which Defendant obtain his alleged right, claim or interest in and to Parent Shares, Defendant has no legal or equitable right, claim or interest therein, but instead Defendant is an involuntary trustee holding said Parent shares in constructive trust for Parent with the duty to convey the same to Parent forthwith under California Civil Code § 2224.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Fraud By Defendant and Does 1-10)

- Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation in paragraphs 48. 1 through 47 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 49. As alleged above, Defendant made the aforementioned misrepresentations and misleading omissions of material facts to Subsidiary, knowing the misrepresentations were false and the omissions were made with the intent to deceive Subsidiary, or acting with reckless indifference to the truth or falsity of the representations, with the intention and knowledge that they would be relied on by Subsidiary in its decision to issue shares of Subsidiary to Defendant Page in consideration for the Page's contribution of the IP Portfolio to Subsidiary.
- 50. As alleged above, prior to the Acquisition, Defendant, as an Officer and Director of Subsidiary and in his individual capacity as a shareholder of Subsidiary, made the aforementioned misrepresentations and misleading

51. Subsidiary did not know the truth regarding the misrepresentations and/or omissions of Defendant, and relied upon the same in agreeing to issue stock to Defedndant Page in consideration for the IP Portfolio. Had Subsidiary known that the misrepresentations were false and of the material facts that were not disclosed, Subsidiary would not have issued stock to Defendant Page in consideration for the IP Portfolio.

52. B4MC (now Parent) did not know the truth regarding the misrepresentations and/or omissions of Defendant, and relied upon the same in agreeing to the Acquisition by which it purchased Defendant's and the other Subsidiary shareholders' stock and sold its stock to Defendant and the other Subsidiary shareholders. Had B4MC (now Parent) known that the misrepresentations were false and/or of the omissions, B4MC (now Parent) would not have undertaken the Acquisition.

- Defendant knew that the above-mentioned misrepresentations and 53. omissions to Subsidiary and/or B4MC (now Parent) were false, misleading or Defendant acted with such reckless disregard as to constitute willful deceit and fraud upon Subsidiary and/or B4MC (now Parent). Defendant had actual knowledge of the true facts, both as an individual and as an Officer and Director of Subsidiary, and knowingly and/or deliberately misrepresented, mislead, withheld and/or concealed material information from Subsidiary and/or B4MC (now Parent), including but not limited to the fact that: (i) Defendant was the inventor, filer, and agent of record of the Patent Applications; (ii) Defendant would have received all communications and deficiencies and other notices about the Patent Applications from the PTO, and thus would have received actual notices of communications that the Patent Applications had, in fact, been abandoned as much as one year before he had assigned them to Subsidiary; and (iii) Defendant's failed petition to revive Patent Application I.
- 54. Defendant made the misrepresentations and materially misleading omissions, and conducted such concealment of the truth concerning the omissions, to Subsidiary with the intention of inducing Subsidiary to rely thereon by issuing shares of Subsidiary to Page in consideration for the contribution of the IP Portfolio to Subsidiary.

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Subsidiary, not knowing of the truth concerning the aforesaid 55. misrepresntations and materially misleading omissions, reliead thereon by issuing Subsidiary stock to Defendant Page in consideration for the contribution of the IP Portfolio to Subsidiary.

- Defendant made the misrepresentations and materially misleading 56. omissions, and conducted such concealment of the truth concerning the omissions, to B4MC (now Parent), as an Officer and Director of Subsidiary and in his individual capacity as a shareholder, with the intention of inducing B4MC (now Parent) into participating in the Acquisition with Subsidiary. Defendant intended all along to bait B4MC (now Parent) into the transaction by dangling the promise of potentially profitable patents which covered state-of-the art e-commerce checkout IP which in reality were valueless in order to acquire 5,000,000 shares constituting 22.5% of Parent's outstanding shares to the detriment of Parent.
- 57. B4MC (now Parent), not knowing of the truth concerning the aforesaid misrepresentations and materially misleading omissions, relied thereon by participating in the Acquisition and exchanging Subsidiary's outstanding and issued stock for a majority of B4MC's (now Parent's) outstanding and issued stock.
- 58. Such reliance by Subsidiary and/or B4MC (now Parent) on such misrepresentations and materially misleading omissions was reasonable especially

in view of Defendant's: (i) legal duties under the federal and California securities laws; (ii) position as an Officer and Director of Subsidiary; and (iii) position as IP

3 agent of record on the Patent Applications.

- 59. As a direct and proximate result of Subsidiary's and B4MC's (now Parent's) respective reliance on such misrepresentations and materially misleading omissions of Defendant Page, B4MC (now Parent) directly and by and through Subsidiary, has been damaged in an amount subject to proof at trial.
- 60. The aforementioned conduct of Defendant consists of intentional misrepresentations, deceit and concealment of material facts known solely to him, with the intention on the part of said Defendant to deprive Subsidiary and/or B4MC (now Parent) of property or legal rights or otherwise cause injury to it. Such actions were done to induce Subsidiary to issue shares to Page and to induce B4MC (now Parent) to exchange a majority of its outstanding shares of common stock in exchange for Defendant's and the other Subsidiary shareholders' shares in Subsidiary.
- 61. Accordingly, the actions of Defendant, individually and collectively against Subsidiary and B4MC (now Parent), were oppressive, fraudulent and malicious and justifies awarding exemplary and punitive damages to Parent, sufficient to make an example of and punish Defendant, in an amount to be proven at trial.

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As a proximate result of Defendant's fraudulent misrepresentations 62. and omissions, and the otherwise wrongful manner in which Defendant obtain his alleged right, claim or interest in and to Parent Shares, Defendant has no legal or equitable right, claim or interest therein, but instead Defendant is an involuntary trustee holding said Parent shares in constructive trust for Parent with the duty to convey the same to Parent forthwith under California Civil Code § 2224.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Breach of Fiduciary Duty By Defendant and DOES 1-10)

- Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation in paragraphs 63. 1 through 62 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 64. At all times relevant herein, Defendant served as an Officer (Treasurer) and Director of Subsidiary. At all times relevant herein, Defendant also served as an Officer (Chief Technology Officer) and Director of Parent post-closing of the Acquisition. Thus, while serving in his capacity as an Officer and Director of Subsidiary and Parent, Defendant owed Subsidiary and/or Parent, statutory and common law fiduciary duties, including the duty of loyalty, which required Defendant to act in good faith and in the best interest of Subsidiary and/or Parent and their respective shareholders, and with such care as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.

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- 65. Defendant breached his respective fiduciary duties to Subsidiary and/or Parent by failing to disclose that the Patent Applications had been abandoned by Defendant before Defendant purportedly assigned those Patent Applications to Subsidiary. Such failure to disclose prevented Subsidiary from taking steps to revive the Patent Applications pre-closing, caused Subsidiary and B4MC (now Parent) to enter into the Acquisition under false pretenses thereby exposing Subsidiary to claims of fraud, and prevented Parent from reviving and/or refiling the Patent Applications much earlier.
- 66. Defendant further breached his fiduciary duties to Parent, including the duty of loyalty, by refusing to simply cooperate with Yankowitz's and Kendrick's requests on behalf of Parent to turn over basic information and files concerning the Patent Applications, including all communications with the PTO and/or shareholders, officers, directors or employees of Subsidiary or Parent.
- By engaging in the aforesaid conduct, Defendant failed to act in good 67. faith and in the best interests of both Subsidiary and/or Parent, failed to act in the face of a known duty to act, and instead, placed his own personal and pecuniary interests above those of Subsidiary and/or Parent. As such, Defendant breached his respective fiduciary duties, including the duty of loyalty and duty to act in good faith, to Subsidiary and/or Parent.

(Negligent Misrepresentation By Defendant and Does 1-10)

Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation in paragraphs 71. 1 through 70 above as if fully set forth herein.

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- 72. Defendant, in his dealings with Subsidiary and B4MC (now Parent), had a duty of good faith and fair dealing. Defendant further had a duty to Subsidiary as an Officer and Director of Subsidiary.
- 73. Defendant breached his respective duties to Subsidiary and B4MC (now Parent) by making certain material misrepresentations and omitting certain material facts, as previously described hereinabove, with the intention of: (i) Subsidiary relying on the same in issuing shares of Subsidiary in consideration for the contribution of the IP Portfolio; and (ii) B4MC (now Parent) relying on the same in agreeing to the Acquisition and exchanging shares representing a controlling interest of B4MC (now Parent) for all of the shares of Subsidiary.
- 74. In truth and in fact, each of the material misrepresentations and material omissions previously described hereinabove were false.
- 75. Defendant failed to exercise due diligence or conduct reasonable inquiry about the truth and accuracy of his representations concerning the Patent Applications or in disclosing all material information concerning the same.
- 76. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's respective misrepresentations and omissions to Subsidiary and B4MC (now Parent), and in actual and reasonable reliance thereon, Subsidiary issued shares to Defendant Page in consideration for the contribution of the IP Portfolio to Subsidiary and B4MC (now Parent) entered into the Contribution Agreement.

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77. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's respective misrepresentations and omissions to Subsidiary and B4MC (now Parent), Parent directly and by and through Subsidiary, has suffered and will continue to suffer damages in the amount according to proof at the time of trial.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Unjust Enrichment Against Defendant and Does 1-10)

- 78. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation above in paragraphs 1 through 77 as if fully set forth herein.
- 79. As a result of the conduct alleged herein, Subsidiary was fraudulently induced to issue shares to Defendant Page in consideration for the contribution of the IP Portfolio to Subsidiary.
- 80. As a result of the conduct alleged herein, B4MC (now Parent) was fraudulently induced to enter into the Contribution Agreement and consummate the reverse Acquisition for valuable consideration.
- 81. Defendant has been unjustly enriched at the expense of Parent, directly and by and through Subsidiary.
- 82. Parent seeks restitution from Defendant and seeks an order of this Court disgorging all profits, benefits, and other consideration obtained by Defendant as a result of Defendant's receipt of Subsidiary stock and the

83. As a proximate result of Defendant's fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions, and the otherwise wrongful manner in which Defendant obtain his alleged right, claim or interest in and to Parent Shares, Defendant has no legal or equitable right, claim or interest therein, but instead Defendant is an involuntary trustee holding said Parent shares in constructive trust for Parent with the duty to convey the same to Parent forthwith under *California Civil Code* §2224.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Violation of *California's Business & Professions Code* §§ 17200 et seq. Against Defendant and Does 1-10)

- 84. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation above in paragraphs 1 through 83 as if fully set forth herein.
- 85. California's Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 et seq., also known as California's Unfair Competition Law ("UCL"), prohibits any "unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice."
- 86. Defendant Page at all times herein mentioned was an individual doing business in the County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles.
- 87. Defendant Page has violated, and continues to violate *California*Business & Professions Code §17200's prohibition on "unfair" acts or practices

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by: (i) making material misrepresentations and/or omitting material facts concerning the validity and viability of the Patent Applications to Subsidiary prior to contributing the same to Subsidiary in consideration for the issuance of Subsidiary shares; (ii) failing to apprise the shareholders, officers, and directors of Subsidiary, as an Officer and Director of Subsidiary, as to the abandonment of the Patent Applications; (iii) making material misrepresentations and/or omitting material facts concerning the status of the Patent Applications to B4MC (now Parent), in his capacity as an Officer and Director of Subsidiary and in his capacity as an individual shareholder, during B4MC's (now Parent's) due dilingence prior to the Acquisition; (iv) failing to apprise the shareholders, officers, and directors of Parent, as a Director of Parent, as to the abandonment of the Patent Applications; and (v) failing to simply cooperate and turn over to Parent basic information and files concerning the Patent Applications, including all communications with the PTO and/or shareholders, officers, directors or employees of Subsidiary or Parent, as repeatedly requested by Yankowitz and Kendrick.

88. Defendant Page has violated, and continues to violate *California*Business & Professions Code §17200's prohibition on "unfair" acts or practices by his failure to relinquish the shares of Parent that Defendant Page obtained

California Civil Code § 3439.07.

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Parent stock is appropriate to prevent the fraudulent transfer of the same under

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- 98. This action concerns the issue of whether the Plaintiffs are the owners of the subject matter of the Patent Applications and jurisdiction is therefore proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 99. Defendant Page filed the Patent Applications, which contained confidential information. The Patent Applications remained confidential and unavailable to the public due to the non-publication requests filed by Page with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the subsequent abandonment of the Patent Applications (the subject matter of the Patent Applications has not been published).
- 100. In or around March of 2018, Defendant Page transferred his ownership interests in the Patent Applications, and all of the underlying subject matter, to Subsidiary in exchange for shares of Subsidiary stock.
- 101. On June 27, 2018, Defendant Page and Subsidiary, along with the other parties involved, executed the Contribution Agreement, which transferred 100% ownership of the stock of Subsidiary to Parent, and as such all of the ownership interests in the Patent Applications, and the underlying subject matter, held by Subsidiary at the time became the property of Parent.
- 102. On or about June 4, 2019, Defendant Page represented to Yankowitz that he owned the underlying subject matter of the Patent Applications and his intent to file new patent applications utilizating the same subject matter when he

rejected "the notion that [he] should not file any new patent applications referring to the subject matter of the abandon[ed] patent applications." 2 103. As a result of the facts described above in the foregoing paragraphs, 3 an actual controversy of sufficient immediacy exists between the Parties regarding Plaintiffs' ownership of the underlying subject matter of the Patent Applications. 5 104. Injunctive Relief preventing Defendant Page from filing new patent 6 applications utilizing the same subject matter as the unpublished Patent 7 Applications (and the subject matter contained therein) is appropriate to prevent 8 further perpetuating the fraudulent acts committed by Page against Subsidiary 9 and Parent. 10 11 105. Parent lacks an adequate remedy at law, as any compensation by 12 Page would be wholly insufficient relative to the value of the underlying subject matter of the Patent Applications, and there is a serious risk of irreparable harm 13 absent injunctive relief. 14 15 106. Parent is likely to prevail on the merits of the underlying controversy, and a comparison of the harm to defendant in issuing an injunction versus the 16 harm to Plaintiffs in withholding it, favors Parent. 17 18 /// 19 20

1	PRAYER FOR RELIEF		
2	WHEREFORE Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:		
3	On the FIRST (Violations of § 10(b) of the Securities and Exchange		
4	Act, etc.) AND SECOND (Violations of California Corporations Code		
5	§§ 24501 and 25501) CLAIMS FOR RELIEF:		
6	1. For an order declaring that Defendant hold in constructive trust for		
7	Parent all shares of Parent stock and any and all proceeds, in whatever form,		
8	Defendant has received therefrom;		
9	2. For compensatory and consequential damages in an amount to be		
10	proven at trial;		
11	3. For restitution of all consideration paid by Subsidiary for the Patent		
12	Applications and by B4MC (now Parent) pursuant to the Contribution Agreement		
13	4. For prejudgment interest at the maximum legal rate;		
14	5. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the suit incurred herein;		
15	6. For an order removing Defendant as officer of Parent and as an		
16	officer and director of Subsidiary;		
17	7. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.		
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On the THIRD (Fraud) AND FOURTH (Breach of Fiduciary Duty) CLAIMS FOR RELIEF: 8. For an order declaring that Defendant hold in constructive trust for

- Parent all shares of Parent stock and any and all proceeds, in whatever form,

 Defendant has received therefrom;
 - 9. For general and special damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
- 10. For exemplary and punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
- 11. For an award of prejudgment interest, costs of the suit, and reasonable attorneys' fees to the extent permitted by law; and
- 12. For an order removing Defendant as officer of Parent and as an officer and director of Subsidiary;
- 13. For such other relief as this Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

On the <u>FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF – (Negligent Misrepresentation)</u>:

- 14. For an order declaring that Defendant hold in constructive trust for Parent all Company shares of stock and any and all proceeds, in whatever form, Defendant has received therefrom;
 - 15. For general and special damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
 - 16. For prejudgment interest at the maximum legal rate;

1	17.	For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the suit incurred herein;	
2	18.	For an order removing Defendant as officer of Parent and as an	
3	officer and	director of Subsidiary;	
4	19.	For such other and further relief as 1he Court deems just and proper.	
5	On t	he SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Unjust Enrichment):	
6	20.	For an order declaring that Defendant hold in constructive trust for	
7	Parent all C	Company shares of stock and any and all proceeds, in whatever form,	
8	Defendant has received therefrom.		
9	21.	For restitution of all consideration paid by Subsidiary for the Patent	
10	Applications and by B4MC (now Parent) pursuant to the Contribution Agreemen		
11	22.	For prejudgment interest at the maximum legal rate;	
12	23.	For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the suit incurred herein;	
13	24.	For an order removing Defendant as officer of Parent and as an	
14	officer and	director of Subsidiary;	
15	25.	For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.	
16	On t	he SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Violation of California	
17	Business ar	nd Professions Code § 17200 et seq.):	
18	26.	For a preliminary and permanent injunction, enjoining and	
19	restraining	Defendant, his agents, and all other persons in active concert or privity	
20	or in partici	pation with them, from transferring, liquidating, converting,	

1	encumbering, pledging, loaning, selling, concealing, dissipating, disbursing,		
2	assigning, granting a lien or security or other interest in, or otherwise disposing o		
3	shares of Parent stock, or any interest therein, wherever located, including outside		
4	the territorial United States, that Defendant wrongfully acquired from B4MC		
5	(now Parent) and requiring Defendant to hold such shares of stock in trust for the		
6	benefit of Parent until final judgment in this action;		
7	27. For restitution of all consideration paid by Subsidiary for the Patent		
8	Applications and by B4MC (now Parent) pursuant to the Contribution Agreement		
9	28. For general and special damages in an amount to be proven at trial;		
10	29. For prejudgment interest at the maximum legal rate;		
11	30. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the suit incurred herein;		
12	31. For an order removing Defendant as officer of Parent and as an		
13	officer and director of Subsidiary;		
14	32. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.		
15	On the EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Injunctive Relief under		
16	California Civil Code § 3439.07):		
17	33. For a preliminary and permanent injunction, enjoining and		
18	restraining Defendant, his agents, and all other persons in active concert or privity		
19	or in participation with them, from transferring, liquidating, converting,		
20	encumbering, pledging, loaning, selling, concealing, dissipating, disbursing,		

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5	benefit of Parent until final judgment in this action;		
6	34.	For restitution of all consideration paid by Subsidiary for the Patent	
7	Applications and by B4MC (now Parent) pursuant to the Contribution Agreement		
8	35.	For general and special damages in an amount to be proven at trial;	
9	36.	For prejudgment interest at the maximum legal rate;	
10	37.	For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the suit incurred herein;	
11	38.	For an order removing Defendant as officer of Parent and as an	
12	officer and	director of Subsidiary;	
13	39.	For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.	
14	Oı	the NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Declaratory Judgment and	
15	<u>Injuncti</u>	ve Relief under Federal Declaratory Judgments Act, 28 U.S.C. §§	
16	220	1–2202, and Rule 57 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure):	
17	40.	For a declaration that Parent is the undivided owner of the Patent	
18	Application	s and the underlying subject matter, including the non-published	
19	confidential	l information.	
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1	41.	For a preliminary and	permanent injunction, enjoining and
2	restraining	Defendant, his agents, a	nd all other persons in active concert or privity
3	or in participation with them, from filing any patent applications with the United		
4	States Pater	nt and Trademark Office	e utlilizing the underlying subject matter of the
5	Patent App	lications until final judg	ment in this action;
6	42.	For reasonable attorne	ys' fees and costs of the suit incurred herein;
7	43.	For such other and fur	ther relief as the Court deems just and proper.
8		DEMAN	D OF JURY TRIAL
9	Pursi	uant to Rule 38 of the Fe	ederal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs
10	request a tri	ial by jury on all issues	so triable.
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